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SUBJECT: OPRED/MODE - PROPOSAL TO INCREASE FAA PERMANENT
STAFF IN BRUSSELS

1. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION IS REQUESTING AUTHORITY
TO MAKE PERMANENT A MAINTENANCE REVIEW BOARD (MRB)
SPECIALIST POSITION OPERATED IN THE BRUSSELS REGIONAL
OFFICE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS SINCE LAST FALL. POSITION HAS
BEEN ON LOAN FROM FAA'S NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FIELD OFFICE.
RATIONALE FOR PROPOSAL, PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (DOT), FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE. A REVIEW OF THE MRB ACTIVITIES REVEALED THAT
CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF TIME AND EFFICIENCY HAS RESULTED FROM
THE LOCATION OF MRB POSITIONS IN THE NEW YORK IFO. BY
RELOCATING THE MRB SPECIALIST POSITION TO THE BRUSSELS
OFFICE, WE BELIEVE THE FAA CAN ACCOMPLISH THEIR MRB
FUNCTIONS WITH ONLY ONE PERMANENT MRB POSITION. THIS
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WOULD RESULT IN AN ALMOST IMMEDIATE COST SAVINGS, IMPROVE
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MRB AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS, AND

CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF FAA SAFETY PROGRAMS
IN THE FIELD. END QUOTE.

3. TO PROVIDE MODE CEILING SPACE FOR THE REQUESTED IN-
CREASE AT BRUSSELS, FAA PROPOSES TO REDUCE THEIR UNIT IN
JAPAN BY ONE POSITION. TRANSACTION WOULD NOT CHANGE
WORLDWIDE MODE CEILING FOR DOT OR FAA, BUT WOULD PLACE
25 U.S. CIVILIAN POSITIONS FOR FAA IN BRUSSELS AND
LEAVE 30 POSITIONS IN JAPAN, ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS
CONCERNING FAA PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON FAA
OPERATIONS OR ON MISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
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